

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Based on the Examiner's Amendment dated February 7, 2011, please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing investment funds, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer, a predefined term for investing a predetermined amount of institutional capital in equity-based investments and the predetermined amount of institutional capital;

receiving, by the computer, a plurality of dividend targets, the plurality of dividend targets associated with a plurality of respective periods during the predefined [[term~]] term and receiving the plurality of respective periods;

receiving, by the computer, a value indicator determined to be used during the predefined term;

generating, by the computer, performance reports for monitoring performance of a selected investment manager, the investment manager being selected for investing the institutional capital in the equity-based investments for the predefined term with [[the]] a goal of at least meeting the plurality of dividend targets, the investment manager using at least the value indicator to determine whether to buy, to hold or to sell at least one of the equity-based investments during the predefined term, the monitoring including monitoring by determining whether the investment manager meets the plurality of dividend targets by comparing dividends paid on the equity-based investments during each of the plurality of periods to the plurality of respective dividend targets.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein monitoring of the performance of the investment manager further includes evaluating at least one of the performance reports generated by the computer.

4. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a plurality of dividend targets includes a first dividend target determined for a first period based at least on a required dividend growth, and subsequent dividend targets determined for subsequent respective periods based on the required dividend growth and a required dividend yield.
5. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the subsequent dividend targets are increased each subsequent period by a percentage equal to the required dividend growth multiplied by the required dividend yield.
6. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 5, wherein the required dividend growth and the required dividend yield remain unchanged throughout the predefined term.
7. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the value indicator is dividends.
8. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the value indicator is earnings.
9. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the value indicator is cash flow.
10. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the value indicator is book value.
11. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the first period and the subsequent respective periods are yearly periods.
12. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing investment funds, the method comprising:
 - receiving, by a computer, a predefined term for investing a predetermined amount of institutional capital in equity-based investments and the predetermined amount of institutional capital;
 - receiving, by a computer, an initial dividend yield;
 - receiving, by a computer, a growth rate;

receiving, by a computer, a value indicator to be used during the predefined term; and generating, by the computer, performance reports for monitoring performance of a selected investment manager, the investment manager being selected for investing the institutional capital in the equity-based investments for the predefined term in accordance with the initial dividend yield and the growth rate, the investment manager using at least the value indicator to determine whether to buy, to hold or to sell at least one of the equity-based investments during the predefined term, the monitoring including monitoring by determining whether the investment manager meets [[the]] a plurality of dividend targets associated with the initial dividend yield and the growth rate by comparing dividends paid on the equity-based investments during each of the plurality of periods to the plurality of respective dividend targets.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein monitoring of the performance of the investment manager further includes evaluating at least one of the performance reports generated by the computer.

15. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein the value indicator is dividends.

16. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein the value indicator is earnings.

17. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein the value indicator is cash flow.

18. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 12, wherein the value indicator is book value.

19.-90. (Cancelled).

91. (Previously presented) A computer-implemented method for electronically generating a performance report for managing investment funds, the method comprising:

receiving, by a computer, a value for a predetermined amount of institutional capital to be invested in equity-based investments and a value for a predefined term for investing a predetermined amount of institutional capital;

receiving, by the computer, a value for a plurality of dividend targets and a value for a plurality of respective periods, the plurality of dividend targets being associated with the plurality of respective periods during the predefined term;

receiving, by the computer, a value indicator to be used during the predefined term; and

generating, by the computer, a performance report to determine if the plurality of dividend targets is met by comparing dividends paid on the equity-based investments during each of the plurality of periods to the plurality of respective dividend targets.